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## **URI STUDENT SENATE – GENERAL ASSEMBLY MINUTES**

**September 20, 2023**

Recording Secretary: Peckham

### **A. CALL TO ORDER**

### **B. ROLL CALL**

*Present: Barbosa, Buono, Chadronet, Clyde, Confessore, Corsi, Cronan, DeLorenzo, Gamache, Hook, Hoover, Hurwitz, N Johnson, V Johnson, Kelling, Mayers, Mehorter, Milner, Ndonye, Neighbors, Newman, Palmer, Peckham, Reyes, Rinne, Rudolph, Sama, Scola, Small, Sundell, Walding.*

*Absent: Keller.*

*Excused: Collins, Cruz, Dumas, Emami, Keller.*

### **C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

*Motion to approve the agenda made by Chair Reyes, seconded by Senator Mayers.*

*The motion passes.*

### **D. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

*Motion to approve last week's minutes made by Chair Hoover, seconded by Senator Mayers.*

*The motion passes.*

### **E. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **F. PUBLIC FORUM**

### **G. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

- *Student Organization Committee*
  - *Chair Johnson informed the General Assembly that he would be reworking club constitutions to assist clubs.*
- *Academic Affairs Committee*
  - *Chair Peckham reminded the General Assembly that her committee meets at 4:30*
- *External Affairs Committee*
- *Cultural Affairs Committee*
- *Motion made by Chair Johnson to move the report of the Campus Affairs Committee to Open Forum.*
- *Executive Committee*
  - *Speaker*
    - *No report*
  - *President*

- Vice President
  - Made attendance sheet, in the senate office
- Director of Treasury
  - In two weeks, on Tuesday Oct 3rd 5-7PM Pastore Hall, first finance training for student orgs
  - If you know someone is a club president they need to go or budgets will be frozen
- Director of Communications
  - Website is up
  - Recent post on instagram about sustainability
  - Quadfest 11:30-1:30PM Oct 6th
    - Sending sign up form out

## **H. REPORT OF THE COURT**

No report

## **I. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

Elections Committee:

- Chair Rudolph informed the Senate that the meeting between Dr. Stiles and the Elections Committee has been postponed but the election will be held online.

## **J. SPECIAL ORDERS**

## **K. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

## **L. NEW BUSINESS**

## **M. GENERAL DISCUSSION AND OPEN FORUM**

*Report of the Campus Affairs Committee*

- *Chair Buono is planning to hold a campus cleanup with a bingo theme and prizes.*
- *The Campus Affairs Committee is interested in seeing the vending machine options changed.*
- *The Campus Affairs Committee is interested in seeing the university's loaner laptop program reinstated.*
- *The Committee will also advocate for to-go boxes to be made available in dining halls.*

*Chair Johnson presents his ideas on ways to update club Constitutions.*

*Senator Johnson asks if political organizations will be able to exclude students based on political beliefs and is informed that they will not.*

*Senator Johnson asks if members who are under pending disciplinary action will receive refunds. Chair Johnson says that it is unlikely. Speaker Chadronet suggests waiting until the disciplinary process is complete before deciding on a refund.*

*Speaker Chadronet asks if associate members will be counted as members of clubs. Chair Johnson said both full members and associate members will be counted in Student Organizations Committee recognition standards.*

*Senator Small introduces himself to the General Assembly as the Mental Health Liaison of the Academic Affairs Committee. He informs the General Assembly that he has received reports that the scope of the Counseling Center is not meeting the demand of some students and that not all students are able to get counseling services in a timely fashion. He also voices concern that the counseling center does not have an email address listed online to contact.*

*Speaker Chadronet informs the General Assembly that to remediate the issue, Health Services has connected with an online support system that allows any student who pays the Health Services fee to get counseling online in very short time.*

*Speaker Chadronet informs the General Assembly that he is planning to have Bystander Intervention Training provided to the General Assembly by the University.*

#### **N. ROLL CALL**

#### **O. ADJOURNMENT**